

RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE**1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (14 December 2015, 18 January 2016, 22 February 2016 and 14 March 2016) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

December 2015**1.1.1 Membership of Hertfordshire Business Rates Pool [Forward Plan ref: A041/15]**

Cabinet agreed that the County Council forms a Business Rates Pool with Broxbourne Borough Council, North Herts District Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, Three Rivers District Council and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. New governance arrangements will be put in place to include a provision for part of the pooling gains to be set aside into a Growth Fund which will be available for economic development projects in all Hertfordshire districts.

1.1.2 Finance Monitor 2015/16 – Quarter 2

Cabinet agreed, in respect of balances below £1,000, to amend the process for the expenditure of S106 monies established by Cabinet on 20 November 2006; that capital budgets of £30.049m be reprogrammed to 2016/17 or future years; to transfer £250k from the SMS (Shared Managed Services) revenue budget to fund the capital costs relating to the relocation of the customer service centre; and a new capital budget for Public Health of £1.4m in 2015/16, to refurbish 2 sexual health clinics; and that a budget transfer of £0.7m from the Public Health revenue carry forward and £0.7m from capital reserves be approved. The capital reserves will be replenished through contributions made by the service provider.

1.1.3 To Consider the Resolutions of County Council on 10 November 2015 regarding the Former Radlett Aerodrome Site [Forward Plan ref: A077/15]

Cabinet agreed that all parties interested in development of the Council's land at the Former Radlett Airfield site (the 'Council's Land') following written request be allowed access to and information about the Council's Land holding such that they may pursue investigations as to potential alternative uses.

1.1.4 Bishops Stortford North – Primary School Strategy and Proposed Acquisition of Land at Farnham Road, Bishops Stortford [Forward Plan ref: A061/15]

Cabinet authorised acquisition of the land at Farnham Road, Bishop's Stortford, on the basis that planning permission has first been granted for the development of a 3FE primary school on that land.

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1.1.5 Integrated Plan 2016/17 – 2019/20 (incorporating Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy)

Cabinet approved the release of the draft plans, proposals and options to address pressures and savings requirements for 2016/17-2019/20, ahead of formal consideration by County Council on 22 February. Cabinet approved the release of schools budget data / information to the Department for Education (DfE) and the proposed schools revenue budget for 2016/17 in time for the Department for Education deadline of 21 January 2016.

February 2016

1.1.5 Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 – 2019/20

Cabinet recommended budget options for approval by County Council, taking into account comments and conclusions of the Council's Service Cabinet Panels and the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.1.6 ***March 2016***

Proposed Co-Location of four Libraries with Retained Fire Stations

This matter will be considered by Cabinet on 14 March 2016 and will be reported to Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel on 18 March 2016.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 February 2016

2.1.1 Membership of Hertfordshire Business Rates Pool [Forward Plan ref: A041/15]

Since December 2015 Hertfordshire has submitted, and the Department for Communities and Local Government has approved, an application to form a revised pool with Broxbourne, Hertsmere, and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Councils and North Herts and Three Rivers District Councils.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

3.1.1 Land at Chaulden Lane, Hemel Hempstead – to consider the future of the land [Forward Plan ref: A048/15]

3.1.2 Lower Green Farm, Arlesey Road, Ickleford – to consider the future of the farmstead and immediately surrounding land, and a scheme for replacement equestrian facilities [Forward Plan ref: A069/15]

3.1.3 Land at Carpenders Park Farm, South Oxhey, Watford, WD19 5RJ - Potential Purchase by Hertfordshire County Council [Forward Plan ref: TBC]

3.1.4 Review of Financial Regulations [Forward Plan ref: A079/15]

3.1.5 Approval to use Invest to Transform Fund (ITTF) to purchase and implement improved e-commerce platform [Forward Plan ref: A008/16]

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 None

5. Other comments

5.1 The new Director of Resources, Owen Mapley, is to be designated as Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer for the Council) at County Council on 22 March 2016.

I am indebted to Claire Cook for all that she has done in leading the department in an interim capacity and as our Section 151 Officer. Claire is a fantastic Officer and I hope that the County Council will place on record our huge appreciation to her for her services.

6. Cabinet Panels

6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Resources and Performance Cabinet Panel has met on 10 December 2015 and 12 February 2016. The Panel will also meet on 18 March 2016. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[10 December 2015](#)

[12 February 2016](#)

[18 March 2016](#)

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